

SPECIAL MEETING

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006

WILLIAM A. BRIGGS BUILDING (REED CONFERENCE ROOM)

845 PARK AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON

PUBLIC SESSION: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cranston School Committee was held on the above date at the William A. Briggs Building with the following members present: Mr. Archetto, Mrs. Greifer, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Palumbo, Mr. Stycos, and Mr. Traficante. Ms. Iannazzi was absent with cause. Also present were Mrs. Ciarlo, Mr. Scherza, Mr. Nero, Mr. Balducci, and Mr. Votto.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mrs. Greifer and unanimously carried that the members adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Law 42-4-65(a)(1) and contract and litigation pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(2).

Mr. Lupino, acting Chair, reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

The roll was called.

Mr. Lupino stated that Ms. Iannazzi was excused from this meeting. She had written a letter that was read into the record during Executive Session.

I. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – June 29, 2006

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Palumbo and unanimously carried that the June 29, 2006 Executive Session minutes remain confidential.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 19, 2006

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried that the June 19, 2006 minutes be approved.

III. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Matters)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

There were no student speakers on agenda or non-agenda matters.

There were no public speakers on agenda matters.

IV. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

There were no items under the Consent Agenda.

V. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 06-7-1 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Principal, Cranston High School East, be approved.

Moved by Mrs. Greifer and seconded by Mr. Traficante that this Resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Ciarlo stated that this Resolution is the recommendation by the Superintendent to appoint a Principal for Cranston High School East. It was her pleasure to put the name forward of Sean Kelly as the Principal of Cranston High School East. Sean began in North Providence as a long-term substitute. He went to Cranston High School West as a mathematics teacher. He has been an Assistant Principal at Park View Middle School. He was the acting Principal at Park View when the Principal was out. At present, he is Assistant Principal at Cranston High School West. Sean is a very capable

individual who has a sound background, boundless energy, and also a man of few words which is good because he is a good listener. By listening to what people say, he is taking on a challenge at Cranston High School East. Administration feels he is someone who grew up in the district, and he will do a fine job. Administration wants to give him all the support necessary. He can no longer bleed red as he did at Cranston West; he now has to bleed green for Cranston East. Mrs. Ciarlo recommended Sean to the committee without reservation.

Mr. Lupino commented to Mr. Kelly that because of his reputation at Cranston West and his brief stint at Park View the committee is looking for good things from him. They are big shoes to fill. He was particularly pleased that the committee is able to choose someone from within the system who has come up through the ranks and has gone through the nuts and bolts of the system and knows this system.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Sean introduced his family to administration and to the committee.

NO. 06-7-2 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of ESL City Wide Supervisor, be approved.

Moved by Mrs. Greifer and seconded by Mr. Traficante that this Resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Ciarlo stated that this Resolution is recommending the appointment of an ESL City Wide Supervisor. It was Mrs. Ciarlo's pleasure to recommend Audrey Romanelli as ESL City Wide Program Supervisor. Audrey graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BA Degree. He has an M.eD from Rhode Island College. She was an elementary teacher at Rhodes School, and then she became an ESL teacher since 1999. She is a very capable young person who works very well with students and has a keen understanding of the role of ESL and how to integrate it even more. It was Mrs. Ciarlo's pleasure to recommend Audrey to the committee without reservation.

Mrs. Greifer stated for the record that this is a position that the committee tried to do without appointing a specific person, and it just hasn't worked. The need has grown, and the committee needs to create this position.

Mr. Stycos commented that he thinks quite highly of Ms. Romanelli, but from personal experience, he won't be voting for this Resolution because the district doesn't have a balance budget. That needs to be dealt with first before doing things like this.

Mrs. Ciarlo asked Mr. Balducci if money for this position was in the budget, and Mr. Balducci said that there was money available. Mrs. Greifer added that it was part of the high school reduction in teachers. Mr. Stycos stated that the committee didn't put it in the budget. Mrs. Ciarlo has said at a previous meeting that the committee couldn't take other money and use it for other things because she wanted to use it for the ESL Coordinator.

This Resolution was adopted with Mr. Stycos opposed.

NO. 06-7-3 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from termination, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the Committee's actions.

Moved by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mrs. Greifer and unanimously carried that this Resolution be adopted.

NO. 06-7-4 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the 2006-2007 school year:

Cory Capirchio, salary to be at the third step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Salve Regina University, BA

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

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Certification – Middle/Secondary Mathematics

Assignment – Bain Middle School, Mathematics, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – September 5, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11511012 512100

Ann Marie Clarkson, salary to be at the eleventh step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Gordon College, BA; Rhode Island College, M.Ed

Experience – Rhode Island School for the Deaf

Certification – Teacher of the Hearing Disordered (PK-12)

Assignment – Itinerant, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – September 5, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14732021 512100

Rebecca Allen, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Student Teacher

Certification – Middle/Secondary Special Education

Assignment – Cranston High School East, Special Education, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – September 5, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11332012 512100

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Palumbo and unanimously carried that this Resolution be adopted.

NO. 06-7-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual be appointed as an athletic coach:

William Monigan, Head Boys' Basketball, Cranston High School East

Step – 7

Class – B

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Head Coach, Shea High School; Assistant Coach, CCRI

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Traficante and carried with Mr. Archetto opposed that this Resolution be adopted.

VI. Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Ciarlo stated that this is her last official School Committee meeting. She wished the committee good luck. She will come back and visit. She thanked the committee for everything. It is much appreciated.

VII. Announcement of Future Meetings

The next School Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. with a work session to follow.

VIII. Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at

1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Lupino

Clerk